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- 1. MFA OFFICIAL HAS EXPRESSED TO DCM GRAVE DISQUIET THAT NONE OF AMERICAN WRITERS INVITED TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE HAS YET INDICATED FIRM INTENTION TO ATTEND. MFA OFFICIAL, MORE IN SADNESS THAN INDIGNATION, EXPRESSED VIEW (PROBABLY CURRENT IN GOB CULTURAL HIERARCHY) THAT "THE ADMINISTRATION" HAS ADVISED WRITERS NOT TO ATTEND.
- 2. DCM REPLIED THAT EXACTLY THE REVERSE WAS TRUE: STATE DEPT HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCE BUT HAS NOTICED THAT SEVERAL OF THOSE WHO WERE REPORTED AS HAVING SIGNED THE "APPEAL" ARE IN FACT RELUCTANT, EITHER BECAUSE OF CONFLICTING COMMITMENTS OR FOR OTHER REASONS.
- 3. OUR VIEW REMAINS AS STATED IN REFERENCE. WE WOULD MUCH PREFER TO SEE STRONG CONTINGENT FROM US PRESSING THEIR OWN POINTS OF VIEW THAN TO SEE CONFERENCE TURN INTO COMMUNIST-DOMINATED EXERCISE BY DEFAULT. ON BALANCE WE SEE US INTERESTS SERVED BY HAVING AMERICAN AUTHORS OF STATURE ATTEND, AND HOPE THIS VIEW WILL AGAIN BE COMMUNICATED BY DEPT. HERZ

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